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IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMME OF BHARAT NIRMAN
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to step up for timely implementation of the programme Bharat Nirman and push for speedy environment clearance for rural road projects;and

(b) if so, the concrete steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) and (b) : Bharat Nirman remains the cornerstone of the Government`s policy. For Bharat Nirman, as against Budget Estimate 2006-07, the Budget Estimate for 2007-08 has been enhanced by 31.6 per cent. The Budget provisions made for the individual components under Bharat Nirman during the year 2006-07 and 2007-08 are as under. The allocations for the individual components have been stepped up from 24 % to 52%.

(Rs crore)

Component	BudgetAllocation 2006-07	BudgetAllocation 2007-08	Percentincrease
Irrigation-Accelerated Irrigation Benefit programme	2350.00	3580.00	52
Rural electrification- Rajiv Gandhi Grammen Vidhyutikaran Yojana	3000.00	3983.00	33
Ruralwater supply- Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme	5200.00	6500.00	25
Rural Roads-Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana	5225.62	6500.00	24
Rural Housing-Indira Awaaz Yojana	2950.00	4040.00	37
Rural Telephone Connectivity	Outside the Budget through Universal Service Obligation Fund		

The Ministry of Environment and Forests have issued a notification in September 2006 dispensing with the requirement of environmental clearance for construction of rural roads in forest areas and in Himalayan areas.